(ख) यह डाक टिकट 1992 के दौरान जारी करने का प्रस्ताव है।

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Closure of Telecommunication Office at Guntur, Andhra Pradesh

828. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the office of the Telecommunications at Guntur in Andhra Pradesh has been closed recently, if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): Yes Sir, the office of Area Director Telecom. at Guntur in Andhra Pradesh has been closed as it is no more justified due to insufficient workload. "Originally, Area Director Guntur was incharge of Eluru, Gutnur and Prakasham TDs. Subsequently Eluru and Guntur TDs were upgraded to TDM (JAG) level. Hence Area Director was left with only one TD of Prakasham. Further, the entire telegraph traffic function was placed under the charge of Director (TT). Hence residual Prakasham T.D. alone did not justify the post of an Area Director".

Public call offices in Delhi and Bombay

829. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of public call offices in Delhi and Bombay which remained out of order during the last six months;

(b) what is the number of phone hours thus lost;

(c) what is the extent of loss suffered by Government as result threof; and

(d) what steps are being taken for removal of faults of these public call offices?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) On an average, PCOs demaining faulty during a day is 21 out of 8898 in Delhi and 30 out of 8321 in Bombay.

(b) On an average, Phone hours lost per PCO works out five minutes approximately per day.

(c) The Government does not suffer any loss on this account because in almost every locality there are more than one PCO available.

(d) PCO are daily tested by the line staff. Complaints for faulty PCOs are booked on nonmetered service telephone and these complaints are attended to on priority. The fault rectification is closely monitored at area GMs level.

Meeting of employees of FCI with Prime Minister

830. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employees of the Food Corporation of India held a rally on October, 6/7, 1991 in New Delhi and called on Prime Minister;

(b) if so, what are the details of their demands; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The Food Corporation of

India Employees Union held a rally on 6th October, 1991 near the residence of Prime Minister and 7th October, 1991, they handed over a Memorandum to the Prime Minister at his residence during the time when he meets the general public at his residence.

(b) The National Coordination Committee's demands, among others, included finalisation of wage settlement, settlement and payment of productivity linked bonus, payment of pension on revised pattern, resolution of anomalies in wage structure, payment of House Rent Allowance open recruitment to direct entry level posts, regularisation of certain categories of employees, promotion against recruitment quota posts of Asstt. Manager and Dy. Manager.

(c) The interim settlement reached between the National Coordination Committee of FCI Employees and the FCI Management is under examination of the Government.

Reduction of food subsidy

831. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices has recently suggested certain measures with a view to minimise food subsidy;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to reduce the subsidy as suggested by the Bureau; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices, in its report titled 'Report on the Operations of the Food Corporation of India', submitted in June, 1990 brings together its major findings on the actual costs of operations of FCI, its viability as compared with the relevant parameters in the market, the scope for further operational efficiencies and policy changes required to improve efficasy and cost effecitveness of food management in India. The recommendations of the BICP are comprehensive and inter-related. These recommendations are essentially aimed at the reduction in food subsidy.

(c) and (d) The recommendations made by the BICP have been examined by an Empowered Committee and the FCI has been appropriately advised.

Per capita consumption of cereal etc.

832. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the per capita consumption of cereal, pulses and edible oils in the country; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to improve the per capita consumption of the above commodities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Provisional estimates of per capita net availability, which is broadly indicative of consumption, for cereals, pulses and edible oils for 1991 are given below :

Commodity	Net Availability (Kgs/year)
Cereals	172.5
Pulses	14.6
Edible Oils	6.5

(b) Measures taken to improve per capita consumption include programmes for expanded production and imports to the extent possible. Programmes for increasing production are Integrated Programme for Rice Development, Special Foodgrains Production Programme (SFPP), Construction of Shallow tubewells and Dugwells in SFPP Districts, Minikit Programme of Rice, Wheat, Maize and Millets including propogation of new technology; National Pulses Development Project; Oilseeds Production Programme, etc. The Programmes for development of oilseeds and pulses are implemented by the Technology Mission for Oilseeds and Pulses seeking to